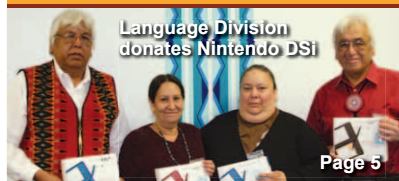




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Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department presents 1st police vehicles

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation recently debuted the first Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department patrol car (one and two); presented on February 2, 2012, at Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa during the Law Enforcement Commission quarterly meeting.

Back in the '70s, most police cars were black with white doors and roofs, with big red and blue lights on top so that they would stand out from other vehicles. The Ho-Chunk Nation police vehicle may not be as bright, but is decorated with unique lettering such as "Warukos". If you live in the Jackson county area, keep your eye out for this newly designed car by Ken Lewis, Ho-Chunk Nation Business Department Graphic Designer. Thanks to Joe's Auto Body who worked on the custom paint of the vehicles.

Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department Chief of Police, Dan Libke, said, "They are not fully equipped, but one thing I've learned on the job is to take baby steps." While directing his attention to Carson Funmaker, a Law Enforcement Commission

board member, Libke said, "We are getting there (to be a fully functional police department)."

John Pettibone, Ho-Chunk Nation Law Enforcement Commission board member, served as the emcee for the event. He gave a brief historical account of his work with the Law Enforcement Commission. Pettibone said, "In 1985 or 1986, counties were receiving grants for law enforcement committees; I joined the committee at that time. Years later, the committees grouped together and formed this Law Enforcement Commission. We had a lot of jumps and hurdles to get over, but our main goal was to have law enforcement by our own tribes." Pettibone announced the event's speakers, Ho-Chunk Nation President, Jon Greendeer; Area III Representative, Hope Smith; and Chief of Police, Dan Libke.

President Greendeer recognized and welcomed representatives from other counties and law enforcement agencies. He talked about how it seemed so short of a time since Dan Libke was sworn in as Chief of Police up to now. Greendeer said, "A lot of work went into this, these two vehicles sit here because something else happened before (this moment). We try to give credit to people who have pioneered these big adventures the Nation is taking."



Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer, Sergeant Matthew Susa Wood County Sheriff's Department, Chief Of Police Dan Libke, Wood County Deputy Jimmy Pidgeon, Jackson County Chief Deputy Mark Moen, Menominee Chief Of Police Mark Waukau.

Representative Hope Smith thanked the Law Enforcement Commission for all their work. She said "Today, we get to see the fruits of their labor," and, "Someday, you'll get a whole police force."

Mark Moen, Chief Deputy of Jackson County Sheriff's Office, said, "This is an important day; not only for the Ho-Chunk Nation, but for law enforcement. This is not a duplication of services, as some might say, but an enhancement to all the counties and communities (where Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members live). We (the law

enforcement community) are always looking for more law enforcement, because it's a tough job." Moen was thankful for the opportunity to work with Chief Libke. He said, "Chief Libke is doing great things. As this goes and grows, it will be a great thing."

Menominee Nation Chief of Police, Mark Waukau said, "This is a historic event for the Ho-Chunk Nation. The tribal law enforcement community of Wisconsin is very, very proud of it. I hope we can work together and do good things for our communities."

After those in attendance viewed the police vehicles, Joann Jones, Law Enforcement Commission board member, and Representative Hope Smith, cut a cake to commemorate the occasion. The Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department gave away bags with the department's logo on it and Ho-Chunk Gaming travel coffee mugs.



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Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department unveils two Police Vehicles designed by Ken Lewis; painted by Joe's Auto Body.

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To the reading tribal members and general public readers:

Please accept the following explanation for the recently published article "The Bio-Dynamic Farms (Organic) Food Story" submitted by Hal Lingis and Woodrow White. After a more thorough reflection and review on submitting this article and the content therein realized that this article could and did reflect disrespectfully and negatively on the Education Department and on some individual tribal members. The rhetorical comments in the article used undue exaggeration and ventured into disrespectful examples or displays for effect (shock value) for the primary

author's, Hal's argumentation and discourse. Rhetorical statements were directed toward government, and government agencies (food and drug), corporations (food, pharmaceuticals, agriculture), the medical and health system, and their lobbying. Some of the examples or statements used toward the above entities were seen as inappropriate and disrespectful and crossed the ethical, moral, professional and diplomatic boundaries of some tribal departments and individual tribal members. I apologize for these transgressions and misunderstandings to

whomever they hurt and offended.

After all the hard work and learning on the organic cooperative project and seeing the future potential and benefits for Ho-Chunk tribal members and the Nation as a whole, I wish to pursue correcting this mishap and learn from our mistakes. I will be submitting a cleaned up enhanced version of our Organic Farm Cooperative story because we didn't even get to the good stuff concerning actual farm work and organic methods and capabilities to build a sustainable bio-dynamic system which can pay for

itself and feed tribal members the most nutritious food in the world. There are valuable and high impact video and informational website links that can be viewed on your own time to get up to speed on the story behind why growing our own natural organic food is so crucial and vital for our future. A return to our indigenous natural organic lifestyle will heal whatever ails us; diabetes, heart disease, liver disease, cancer, deficient immune systems and obesity. I believe in a statement from one Ho-Chunk elder mentor that works with us here in the Education Department,

Food is medicine and was considered medicine back in the day when we grew our own food, combined garden food with lean wild meat, other indigenous wild foods, berries and clean pure water. Food was the biggest medicine and there was hardly a need for other medicines at all. Aho! Peace and Good Health.

*Woodrow G. White,
Project Manager, Ho-Chunk
Education Department,
Organic gardener, HCN
Organic Farm Cooperative.*

To the Editor:

The tone of the "Bio-Dynamic Farms (Organic) Food Story" left many of us taken aback, including some on the Education staff and other individuals who have supported the project, and I felt the need to provide a clarification of the role of the Education Department regarding the Project and the views expressed in the series.

First, I have supported Woody White and the Organic Gardening Cooperative Project for its stated goals of promoting health, growing food free of chemical and

genetic interference, and preserving Ho-Chunk cultural knowledge of plants as food, medicines, and other uses germane to our well-being. The commitment Mr. White and Mr. Hal Lingis demonstrate towards this project is steadfast, and their belief in the benefits for our people was evident in their ardent expression of its importance and urgency. It is unfortunate that the merits of the Project were overshadowed by the somewhat dark tone and unrestrained rhetoric in the

pieces published.

While the scope of the project was large, and certainly too large to continue as it was this past year in Education, I continue to support the concepts on which this project is based and hope that the work ultimately achieves the end goals of the project in time. Mr. White and Mr. Lingis will likely continue to work towards achieving the 501(c)(3) status for the Cooperative and have it operate as a stand-alone project, and this work will be done on an independent basis.

Under the auspices of the Cultural and Community Education Division of the Education Department, Mr. White will continue some of the work of the OGC, specifically the health promotion, growth of healthy foods, and preservation of our traditional knowledge of native food sources. This information will be incorporated into our overall educational efforts, both formally (i.e. curriculum and instruction on health, the natural world, and cultural knowledge) and informally

(through community gardens, community events and sharing the "fruits" of their efforts).

The work of the Division overall, however, will focus on assisting in implementing language and culture into all of our Education efforts and developing educational outreach opportunities throughout the Ho-Chunk Nation.

*Adrienne L. Thunder,
Executive Director
Ho-Chunk Nation Department
of Education*

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT To the Ho-Chunk People:

I have seen so many people working together in our great nation to meet a growing demand for services and making great accomplishments with little resources. I find myself saying too often, "I know your cup is full..." but we must remain focused on serving the membership with our best. Thankfully, the spirit of the workforce remains positive and happy to assist wherever they can.

As mentioned a while back, the budget process has begun and spending on the Executive Branch has been scaled back significantly. Directors are being asked to be as resourceful and creative as they can and the Office of the President staff has prioritized preserving the workforce numbers. While a bit early to predict, each day brings more, confident both priorities are being met. Good job, everyone!

On March 13, 2012, I will be delivering the State of the Tribes Address and there's no doubt it's a significant opportunity to bring our Big Voice to a place where impact can be made. I will look to

the state's tribes for their contribution, our respected branches of government, and Ho-Chunk people for good direction. I will also work with the Nation's Public Relations to utilize communication technology to ensure access to as much of the membership we can.

Our forward direction will not be in silence. With the latest interest to minimize environmental controls in mining legislation along with the proliferation of sand mining in our own back yard, I find a great personal responsibility to continue educating myself and others on legislation that can change the type of state we live in for generations to come. I commend and thank those doing the same.

While mining has been the "hot topic" of the day, we can't forget issues like legislation affecting healthcare, unemployment, education and housing. These items are forever-etched on the priority list and we must continue to work toward improvement. I continue to reinforce these issues with every opportunity I get with



Jon Greendeer

state and federal leaders.

To work in this capacity is a great privilege and not a day goes by that I don't share with my little family how happy I am to work with many to help keep the Ho-Chunk Nation's government as healthy and as strong as it can be. Thank you for this great privilege.

In the service of the People,

*Maašusga
Jon Greendeer
President of the
Ho-Chunk Nation*

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PIP has been going successfully for over a year at House of Wellness. We are now able to bring these workshops to other areas. Past sessions have included: massage, infant massage, aromatherapy, child development, nutrition, exercise for parents, safety and much more.

RSVPs appreciated, but walk-ins are welcome!

RSVP with Shawn Nadeau, CHN LaCrosse Ext. 5434 or 608-797-0426



February is National "Bake for Family Fun" Month

Submitted by Nicholle Oman, RD, CD

Today, children are spending less and less time with their families and more time watching TV, on the computer, or playing video games. Children have active imaginations and are curious. Help to foster their imagination and curiosity by bringing them into the kitchen! Baking and cooking together allows for bonding, learning, and exploration. Cooking together not only allows for kids to learn how foods are made, but it is also an opportunity to teach them where food comes from, the traditional uses of that food, and how food affects our health. It is also a great way to build confidence. It is rewarding for kids to be able to help in the kitchen and accomplish tasks on their own.

Eating healthier at a young age can set them up for better health in the future. More and more meals today are being eaten outside of the home, in part because our younger generations may not know how to cook. Cooking noodles may be second nature to you, but at some time you had to learn how to turn the stove on and off safely, which pan to use, how much water to fill that pan with, the correct portion of noodles to cook, and when to put the noodles into the water. By bringing your children into the kitchen early, you are helping to teach them the invaluable skill of cooking. Homemade meals tend to be lower in fat, sodium, and calories. By teaching your children how to cook healthy foods, you may be decreasing their risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and obesity in the future.

Do you have a picky eater? Did you know, a child is more likely to try a new food if they had a part in preparing it? Some children are picky eaters because they are afraid of new foods. Helping to prepare and cook healthy food can make your children more interested in trying and eating those foods. Allow kids to try ingredients as you are cooking. You can have kids taste raw carrots and compare them to how they taste after they are cooked. Or have them try raw tomatoes and compare that to how they taste after being made into a tomato sauce or soup. Or grab a green bean out of the garden and have them compare the taste to one from the grocery store. This "experimenting" will not only get them to eat their vegetables, but can also open them up to trying new foods in the future by reducing their fears of the unknown.

Safety is always a high priority when you have children in the kitchen. The recipes you make and the tasks you allow them to do should be age appropriate. If you have really young children, have them help by stirring or mixing ingredients together. As they grow older, you can teach them to take on more advanced tasks as they are able. To make sure your cooking experience is a safe one, remember to teach all children about hot surfaces, knives, and small appliances and the dangers associated with them.

Spending time together in the kitchen is a great way to connect as a family, so ban the TV, computer, and video games for a night and make some memories with your children! Try this recipe to get your cooking hoppin'!

Bugs Bunny Bread

1/2 cup brown sugar	1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup granulated sugar	3/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 cup vegetable oil	1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 eggs	1 1/2 cups finely grated carrots
1 2/3 cups whole wheat flour	(Approximately 3 large or 4 small carrots)
1 teaspoon baking soda	1/2 cup raisins
	1/2 cup chopped pecans, optional



- 1) Preheat oven to 350F. Lightly grease bottom only of one 8 1/2 x 4 1/2-inch loaf pan.
- 2) In large bowl, beat brown sugar, granulated sugar and oil 1 minute, scrape bowl. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.
- 3) Sift together whole wheat flour, soda, salt, nutmeg, and cinnamon. Stir into bowl mixture just until dry ingredients are moistened. Fold in carrots, raisins and pecans.
- 4) Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake for 60 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

5) Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack. Makes 1 loaf.
Nutritional Analysis: One 1-oz. serving provides 95 calories, 2 g protein, 14 g carbohydrates, 4 g fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 1 g dietary fiber, 10 mg calcium, 79 mg potassium and 70 mg sodium.

Recipe from: http://www.homebaking.org/recipes/bugs_bunny_bread.php

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All classes are held at 1pm at the TAU

February 28: Take care of your heart!

Kathleen Clemons – Exercise Physiologist, CDE

March 27: Taking care of your feet! - Judy Heubel – RN

April 24: Eating away from home - Kathy Braaten

May 22: Motivating people to exercise - Kathleen Clemons

June 26: The ABCs of Diabetes - Judy Heubel – RN

July 24: Grilling out / Food safety - Kathy Braaten

August 28: But I just have Pre-Diabetes - Kathleen Clemons

September 25: Why be immunized? - Judy Heubel

October 23: Diabetes burnout - Kathy and Kathleen

November 20: Holiday eating - Kathy Braaten

December 18: Holiday party and games



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Part II: We live in two worlds

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

The following appeared in the Ho Chunk Wazee ja chee rla, April 1962, published by the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee for its Tribe, Vol. 1, No. 1; the very first tribal newsletter, essentially the first issue of the Hocak Worak:

Mrs. Helen L. Peterson was the speaker at the Wisconsin Winnebago General Council held on December 9, 1962. She is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. She attended Nebraska State Teachers College, Colorado State College of Education, and the University of Denver.

She has been: Advisor to the United States Delegation to the Second American Indian Conference in Cuzco, Peru; Director of a Latin American Center in Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico; Director of the Mayor's Committee in Human Relations in Denver; Consultant in other cities in the field of race relations and minority problems; and Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians from October 1953 to December 1961.

The Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) was passed in 1934 by U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to secure rights of Indian tribes in America related to self governance. Helen L. Peterson, as part of her role in the National Congress of American Indians, spoke to the Wisconsin Winnebago at the first General Council meeting about the benefits of organizing under the IRA. Peterson strongly urged the tribal members present to organize under the IRA even though we would not benefit as much or as soon as the tribe would like. Peterson said, "As we grow older, we realize that in our whole life time, we can only make a small contribution (to make things better). Don't expect overnight miracles."

Peterson outlined five main benefits for tribes to organize under the IRA. Tribes will have the power to act or to override the Secretary of Interior on issues relating to tribal assets. It would stop the allotment of tribal lands; nearly two-thirds of all Indian land ownership was lost in the forty-five year period of the Dawes Act. Adopting a constitution meant the government has to respect the tribes constitution, and only the tribes can make changes to it. Tribes can apply for federal charter of incorporation under Section 17 to benefit tribally owned business enterprises. Tribes can receive "ceded, un-entered land" through automatic transfer of lands to tribes.

Peterson pointed out that since the 1950s Indian services discontinued or reduced. She described that timeframe as "the pulling of the rug from under the tribes." That started the line of thinking to "turn the Indians over to the states" as the Federal government wanted to "get out of the Indian business." She insisted that if the tribes don't get their rights, "it's because they don't insist, fight, or go after them." In her studies of Indian Affairs, she felt that ministers, teachers, chambers of commerce don't understand Indians and their special rights and problems. And that many people in America honestly believe that Uncle Sam takes care of all the Indians with a monthly check. Peterson recommended that tribes get out and educate the general public on the taxes we pay, the responsibilities we take on as citizens.

Peterson said, "Every time Indians have given up a special relationship with the federal government and gone under the state, they've lost ground and I don't mean land, but services, benefits, and sovereignty as tribes." She said state and county governments want what Indians have, and tribes are not a match for greedy vested interests. Peterson said when tribes have to go to the state they get the short end of the stick. State and counties want Indian land on tax rolls, but that won't bring in revenue compared to what the BIA and federal government spends in some states. Tribes benefit more from the Federal -Tribal relationship.

In conclusion, Peterson said to organize (as a tribal government) to use special group rights and hang onto, preserve, secure your special heritage. She asked tribal members to learn and understand about Indian property rights, cultural differences, and cultural values. She also asked them to retain your culture and learn about white man's language, skills, and ways. Peterson said you'll be richer with two cultures, or feel inferior; you don't have to quit being Indian to be successful. She describes Western European culture as competitive with materialistic ways, while Indians are cooperative

and have human values. She talked with lawyers, teachers, clergyman who are great scholars and it takes them a long time to understand Indian affairs; it's hard to understand the legal, cultural, political, sociological, economic aspects of Indian affairs.

THE HO-CHUNK PHYSICAL LIFE DOCUMENT

The first step was to work on an organizing document under federal law. Support was given to the Tribe by American Indian tribes functioning within the National Congress of American Indians, the American Indian Chicago Conference, and friends of the State of Wisconsin. Helen L. Peterson, Executive Director of the NCAI, advised IRA when first enacted, permitted the acquisition of land in restricted status for only IRA organizations. She counseled that "the tribe's ability to override actions of the Secretary of the Interior relating to tribal assets, the legal guarantee of authority to the tribe through its own constitution. Another advantage under Section 17, allows the tribe to apply for and obtain a federal charter for incorporation" [paraphrased].

The provisional Business Committee began work on organizing under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984). A one-time approval by the Secretary of the Interior is required for (a) entry into the system of preservation of land base, (b) organization of tribal self-government, (3) the elimination of remaining legal restrictions, and (4) access to federal programs designed for the American Indian. To fulfill the hopes to organize under IRA, the committee, tribe, and individual members set procedures in motion to fulfill federal requirements. The Wisconsin Winnebago Constitution was based on the identified needs expressed by the tribal members.

A major obstacle occurred in approval of the order to authorize a referendum at the end of the more than a two-year effort to organize under federal statute. At that time the Solicitor General ruled the Wisconsin Winnebago did not qualify under IRA for lack of a reservation land base. After an appeal to the Commissioner, he took action to obtain reconsideration by the Department. The BIA found a 40-acre homestead without heirs and declared it tribal trust land qualifying them as having a reservation. The Associate Solicitor under Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, then declared the Tribe's legal qualification under IRA.

The Department of the Interior issued an order on December 3, 1962, authorizing an election to permit the qualified voters of the tribe to adopt or reject the proposed -Constitution and Bylaws. The Constitution and Bylaws, as approved by the Secretary of the Interior was ratified by the Tribe on January 19, 1963, overwhelmingly favoring adoption of the Constitution and Bylaws by a vote of 514 for and 5 against. Subsequently the Constitution and Bylaws of the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe was approved by the Secretary on March 19, 1963. The January 19, 1963, Constitution and Bylaws of the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe — the organizational document of the Tribe — provided the benefits under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934.

This Constitution and Bylaws of the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe was based on needs of the group as identified by the tribe. It would serve as its foundation. The needs for the growing population, the plight of elders and children were cited. The tribe targeted areas of concern in health, education, welfare, housing, land acquisition, and economic development. It was to be respected and used for the welfare of the entire tribe and not to be abused and/or exploited for individual power, money, position or reputation. The multi media and the abundant negative forces impacting our young

Telegram announcing approval of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe, 1963.

people and adults—is the perpetuation of the language, kinship system, and faith.

This is the federal base on which the Tribe stands. (The amended November 1, 1994, approved Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation did not have to be recognized as an initial entrance into the federal system but had the freedom to improve on the structure of the government by amending the foundational 1963 Constitution.)

In the call for the first tribal elections, the April 1963 Wisconsin Winnebago news-paper states, "RESPONSIBLE WINNEBAGO PEOPLE WILL BE NEEDED ON THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE. HIGHER EDUCATION IS NOT A REQUIREMENT BUT HEART FOR ITS TRIBE IS. IF YOU WANT A GOOD TRIBAL GOVERNMENT, YOU MUST DETERMINE WHO IN YOUR AREA, WILL BEST UNDERSTAND YOUR NEEDS, BE SYMPATHETIC WITH YOU, BE ABLE TO INTERPRET AND SPEAK ON YOUR BEHALF TO THE COMMITTEE AND YOUR COMMUNITY FOR YOU, BE ABLE TO PLACE YOUR WELFARE AHEAD OF PERSONAL ASPIRATIONS, WHO HAS THE ABILITY TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS FOR THE TRIBE..." The first governing body was the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee. This governance comes at a high cost of sacrifice by tribal members who chose to exercise Winnebago beliefs, and not translate it to monetary terms.

The officers elected and appointed within the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee's under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 are given below:

TRIBAL OFFICIALS:	DISTRICT REPRESENTED
Helen Miner Miller, Chairman	At Large
James A. Smoke, Vice-Chairman	La Crosse-Tomah
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Edward G. Littlejohn	At Large
Gloria J. White Thunder, Secretary	Non Voting
Mitchell Whiterabbit, Treasurer	Non Voting

We make commitments because we believe in them. From this Constitutional document, our physical needs have been provided by GOD OUR FATHER.

--Helen Miner Miller

Hocaak Language Division donates Nintendo DSi; to Ho-Chunk Nation Children & Family Services

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

Hocaak Language Division manager, Richard Mann, presented ten Nintendo DSi XLs with language learning material cards compatible with the units to the Ho-Chunk Nation's Children & Family Services. The Nintendo units and language material will be available for Ho-Chunk Nation children who are in Out of Home Placement. Mann said, "I know a lot of kids need help (from Children & Family Services), and I know it's a difficult task." Mann hopes language learning on the Nintendo will remind the children that "you belong to us, the Ho-Chunk Nation." Elizabeth Haller, Social

Service Department Executive Director, and Sara Whiteeagle, Children & Family Services Office Manager, accepted the donation on behalf of Children & Family Services. Also on hand for the donation presentation was Christine Yellowthunder, Child Protection Supervisor, and Robert Mann, Heritage Preservation Department Executive Director. Yellowthunder said, "Children in out of home placement, always received language material. I'm so excited for this opportunity." She continued, "The kids are visual learners, and audio (materials) will help them learn." Yellowthunder said the



Robert Mann, Executive Director of Heritage Preservation; Elizabeth Haller, Executive Director of Social Services; Sara Whiteeagle, Child & Family Services Division Coordinator; and Richard Mann, Hocaak Language Division Manager hold the Nintendo DSis and Language card.



Elizabeth Haller and Richard Mann as Hocaak Language Division Donates 10 Nintendo DSis to Children & Family Services.

Nintendo DSi units will be signed out and available for home use only.

Richard Mann also announced that Ho-Chunk Distribution will add the Nintendo DSi and Language cards to their product listing once a distribution plan is in place. He said, "the Language Division owns the program to update the language material on the card. We worked with Thornton Industries to make the program available." Mann was at the 2010 National Indian Education Association Conference in San Diego



Language Learning material DSi card.

when he learned about the opportunity. Mann continued, "I want to thank the Heritage Preservation Directors, Ho-

Chunk Nation Legislature, and the Ho-Chunk Nation President for their support for this (Nintendo DSi) project.

House of Wellness hosts "Business After Five" event

Submitted by Gary Ilminen - RN Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department

Sauk County area business people and members of the Baraboo Area Chamber of Commerce gathered at the House of Wellness on January 30; the first such meeting since the completion of the facility's remodeling.

A special feature of the event was the presentation of a Pendleton blanket and plaque to Lenore Sweet in honor of her years of service to the facility.

House of Wellness Fitness Coordinator, Scott Gilbeck took the lead in facilitating the event and was the host. The event was a joint effort of staff from administration, maintenance, security and the health

department. The evening included an excellent meal served on the Mezzanine, facility tours, a visitor's gift bag, and networking among the visitors.

More than 175 guests came to the facility for the event.

"The event was a great success and it was a real team effort," Gilbeck said. Cinnamon Lonetree also mentioned everything went well and said, "We had a bigger turnout than what the RSVP's said we would. A lot of people were impressed with this facility."

The event was coordinated through the new House of Wellness Joint Operations Committee and was that committee's first major project.



House of Wellness Business After Five guests enjoy a healthy meal and socialize on the Mezzanine at the event held on January 30.



House of Wellness Fitness Coordinator, Scott Gilbeck congratulates Lenore Sweet who was honored for 19 years of service in Marketing for the Ho-Chunk Nation at the Business After Five events held on January 30.

Summer internships available at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells

Submitted by Calvin WhiteEagle

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells, formerly known as Ho-Chunk Casino, Hotel, and Convention Center, is proud to offer our Ho-Chunk college attendees the opportunity for a full-time summer internship! At Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin

Dells, we attribute our success to the outstanding customer service our staff provides. If you are a student that is committed to providing quality customer service, learning what it takes to succeed in the “real world”, then we have an internship position for you! All internship positions are

only available at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells. For more information, please contact Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells’ Training and Development Department today at (800)746-2486 ext. 2457 or email calvin.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com for more information.



What do you think?

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation and the City of Beloit (Wisconsin) have entered into an IGA, Intergovernmental Agreement. The Nation intends to submit a Federal Trust Application to the Secretary of the Interior (BIA) and open a Class III Gaming Facility, the Ho-Chunk Nation's long awaited fourth site. The application process is lengthy, around two

years before we can actually see any building. Some tribal members are on board and some are opposed. Every time our Nation moves towards expanding our Gaming there is local opposition and as a Sovereign Nation we are again extending our hand to those that we live with. The Ho-Chunk Nation will bring jobs, economic growth and development, and by chance our Labor Department will

spring an ultimate plan of action that will provide Ho-Chunks an opportunity to work, manage, and build our new site into all it's expected to do. Would be nice if Housing jumped on that bus and created jobs and housing there in Beloit as well . . .

An unconfirmed rumor speculates the Nation is still chasing Hard Rock Café. Imagine if old Ho-Chunk Casino was known as Hard

Rock Wisconsin Dells; sound cool? Yes, they are a known name. But I could've sworn the Nation just spent a pretty substantial amount to brand all of our gaming facilities Ho-Chunk Gaming. So with an optimistic yell, I say bring on big business, the Nation could use some pizzazz and attraction.

On the home front, many of our Ho-Chunk children are involved in

extracurricular activities. In some of the communities our people reside in; there are still misconceptions and stereotypes that are barriers for our children and discourage them to pursue their own goals. Parents don't give up. Please consider your loved ones first, don't withdraw them from the team, help them get more playing time by stepping out and being active with them. Show an interest in what your child is doing. Booster Clubs and help with the teams' fundraising. There are so many success stories of student athletes who are tribal members that have been successful and are still going places; Emily Decorah and Bronson Koenig just to name a couple. It is definitely hurtful and stressful to think our kids are riding the bench because they are Indian. It is a perception, as parents we need to talk with those coaches and communicate those thoughts and feelings to the coaches and principals of those schools. Young Ho-Chunks we value you and need you to keep doing your best and remember Jim Thorpe, Billy Mills, and Joba Chamberlain; they made it, so can you. Keep up your hard work.

When one of our gaming machines in our facility fails and pays out hundreds of thousands of dollars, no one talks about it. Its “hush –hush” and the tribal membership never know or hear a thing about it. Some things do need an amount of confidentiality and protection, but when a mishap like this occurs; every member of the Ho-Chunk Nation has a right to know. So it never happens again.

Gene Cloud Jr. has been missing since Wednesday, January 25, 2012; family and friends are very concerned about his welfare. Please call with any information that they may have regarding Gene Cloud Jr. Please call his mother, Simone (608)448-8212 or his girlfriend Rochelle Mann (608)567-1910. Wishing gene a safe return to his loved ones, and thank you all for assisting the family with prayer and support.

Wa-žo-ki Wa-ma-sja-ki Strengthening Families Program

Who: Parents or Caregivers and their youth ages 10-16

- Limited to first 10 families that register

What: The Strengthening Families Program consists of 7 sessions

- Meals provided

When: Tuesdays (5pm-7:30pm) February 28th – April 10th

- **Registration Deadline:** February 17, 2012

Where: Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Building

808 Red Iron Rd, Black River Falls, WI 54615

Benefits:

- Meet other Parents and Children from the community
- Help participants build on their strengths in showing love and setting limits
- Help youth develop skills in handling stress, peer pressure, and building a positive future
- Have fun with the family
- Certificate & family portrait at the end of program!!

There is **NO COST** to attend the program and we have many family **INCENTIVES** for attending!!

* Child care and transportation provided upon request *

To Register:

Contact: Ashley Keller, Ho-Chunk Nation Family Services

(715) 284-2622 ext 5114 Ashley.Keller@ho-chunk.com

Sponsored by Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services - Family Services Program

Anntaya Corbesia Competes in Conference Swim Meet

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

Anntaya Corbesia, age 11, is a Ho-Chunk tribal member living in Lac Du Flambeau and a member of the Lakeland Swim Club. While swimming can be a lifesaving skill, it is also an excellent form of exercise such as aerobics. Anntaya qualified for the Conference Swim Meet which was held at the Lunda Center in Black River Falls on February 5. Out of twelve regional teams present, she competed in the 100 yard Freestyle, 50 yard Backstroke, and 200 yard



Anntaya Corbesia, 11, swims at conference for Lakeland Swim Club.

Freestyle Relay events.

Anntaya is the daughter of Joe and Jori Corbesia, and the granddaughter of Dallas and Mary White. Jori said, "Anntaya has been participating in swim club for three years and has made tremendous progress. Her sister Brecie began swimming, and Anntaya just got interested that way. She swims freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly, and backstroke and has competed in various races all season long. This meet is the culmination of her season."

Like many extracurricular activities, it takes time, dedication and motivation. Anntaya practices four days a week. When she's not practicing, she's spending time with family, friends, and keeping her nose in the books. Anntaya is an honorable mention student at Lac du Flambeau Public school and enjoys math. As a 6th grader, she also participates on the Student Council.

Anntaya had support from her family, and relatives Rosalie Brownthunder, Glen White, Courtney Funmaker, Zamantha Funmaker. Her conference results are as follows: 100 Freestyle 1:11:90, landing her in 10th place, 50 Backstroke 38:71, also in 10th place, and the 200 Free Relay team took 5th place at 2:13:47.

Although the season is over for Anntaya, she will continue to work

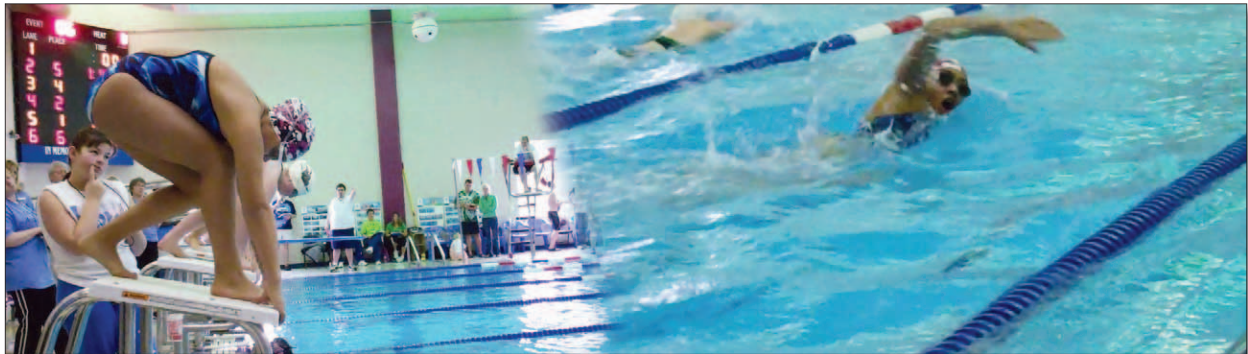


Anntaya braids her mom's hair to pass time until her events come up.

hard and focus on next season. Lakeland Swim Club begins the season in early October and goes through early February, competing in nine regular season meets, two divisional meets, and the conference meet. Christine Garcia, Lakeland Swim Club coach, said, "Anntaya dropped time in her events and scored points for the team at the Conference Meet."

Her dream is to become a nurse, specifically working with babies. As a hobby, she would like to attend Aveda institute to become a cosmetologist. Jori would like to thank the Education Department's Pre K-12 program for their assistance with registration fees and equipment.

Keep up the good work Anntaya!



Anntaya on the block during the 100 yard Freestyle event and in Lane 1, during the 100 yard Freestyle event.



CHILDRENS TRUST FUND (CTF) TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Children's Trust Fund Task Force was created in order to protect the assets owned by the Ho-Chunk Nation for the benefit of the Minors and Adult Incompetents. The original purpose of creating the CTF task force was because the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature found it necessary to update the older Minors Trust Agreement in order to update the terms and conditions and evaluate current services for improvement on behalf of the Nation, its members and its families.

Tribal membership will be given a survey that the CTF task force will be distributing in the upcoming month. The survey is being distributed to gather valuable feedback on issues regarding the Children's Trust Fund. **WE NEED YOUR INPUT!** Three different surveys will be distributed focusing on specific age groups:

Pre-Distribution Survey [Ages 11-17]

- Questions asking on trust planning
- Gathering information on taxes preparation, spending & saving plans
- Gauging financial goals with this money

Target Group [Ages 18-30]

- Primary goal-to see how trust monies were spent/saved
- Tax effect
- Education obtained

- Distribution values and time span before money was gone
- Distribution opinion on lump sum vs multiple payouts

Post Distribution Survey [over 30]

- Identification from parents as to what being Ho-Chunk means
- Distribution opinion on lump sum vs multiple payouts vs deferred payouts
- Financial literacy benefit
- Education component

Everyone within the target group will receive a \$20 gift card for responding and there will be drawings for gift cards for responses received in the other categories.

The target group of 18-30 year olds is estimated to be 1,730 members, this will be a direct mailing, and the other surveys will be available at the upcoming District meetings. We hope to achieve at least 20% in responses overall.

Your input is crucial in deciding and developing possible changes that will benefit our children and the future of the Ho-Chunk people!

All of your answers and comments will be held strictly confidential and we would like to thank you in advance for your time and willingness to share your thoughts and personal experiences as a tribal member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING – EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JANUARY 5, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Rep. Robert TwoBears at 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Rep. Robert TwoBears, Presiding Officer (P)
Rep. Patrick RedEagle, Presiding Officer (P)

V.P. Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Doug Greengrass (P)
Rep. Susan Weber (EX)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. Jim Greendeer (EX)
Rep. John Holst (10:05 a.m.)
Rep. Heather Cloud (P)
Rep. Hope Smith (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (EX)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)
Rep. Forrest White Rabbit (P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum is established.

OPENING PRAYER: Representative Forrest White Rabbit offered a word of prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to **APPROVE** the agenda with the addition of NAHASDA Essentials Conference under **CONFERENCE APPROVALS**, General Council Agency budget modification to be addressed first and adding District 1 request under **DISTRICT REQUESTS**. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MEETING MINUTES: MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to dispense with the reading of the November 29, 2011 Regular Finance Committee meeting minutes and the November 30, 2011 Special Finance Committee meeting minutes as they were ratified at the December 6, 2011 Legislative meeting. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (V.P. Greg Blackdeer out of the room)

NEW BUSINESS:

General Council Agency Budget Modification ~ Marvin Decorah Sr, Pine Giroux
Some adjustments were made to the budget modification correcting the amounts so the funds moved are not in a negative amount. The General Council Admin Fee amount was changed from \$4,766 to \$4,765 and Program Activities from \$2,188 to \$2,087. The budget modification total was changed from \$115,053 to \$114,951.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to **APPROVE** the General Council Agency budget modification 1403-12.20.2011-M02 in the amount of \$114,951. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **8 – 0 – 0 MOTION CARRIED.** (V.P. Greg Blackdeer out of the room)

REPORTS:

Department of Business

Reports:
Class II/III Facility Reports ~ Scott Marecek

The Consolidated Business Summary report for the month of November 2011 was reviewed with the Committee. There was some discussion on the table games at Nekoosa and Black River Falls as there are concerns and with the Off Track Betting, the Business Department will check on these items.

Class II/III Marketing Report ~ Dave Abangan

The Marketing Report for the month of November 2011 was reviewed with the Committee. Retail and C-Store marketing has a budget and they have met with the managers and they will be coming up with a marketing strategy for the C-Stores. The

Marquee Project is completed for Wisconsin Dells, Nekoosa, Madison, and Black River Falls. Wittenberg and Tomah are ongoing. It was stated that the marquee signs for the facilities should have had something stating they were closed on Christmas as some patrons were still going up to the facility.

Non-Gaming/Other Entities ~ Casey Osbourne, Troy Swallow, Kelly Funmaker

Retail Division: Casey Osbourne introduced himself and is currently overseeing the retail division temporarily until they hire someone permanently. The last four pages of the business consolidated summary for the retail and non-gaming were reviewed with the Committee. Last month a new report was provided to the Committee and the Committee requested this report for next month. A handout was distributed showing the fuel and cigarette sales from December 2010 to November 2011. There was lengthy discussion on the cigarette tax and it was requested to bring back figures on the impact of the tax code for the next Legislative session.

Distribution Center: Mr. Swallow went over the Distribution Center monthly report verbally with the Committee. The Committee did not receive a copy of the report.

Treasury Report:

November 2011 Financial Report ~ Sandy Gleason
The November 2011 financials were reviewed with the Committee. An update on Ho-Chunk Surveillance budget will be provided at the next meeting.

Tax Code Update:

The tax code amounts were reviewed with the Committee. Rep. Robert TwoBears leaves the room, Presiding Officer, Rep. Patrick RedEagle presides over the meeting.

Investment Portfolio Reports: Special Revenue Account (November) ~ Todd Anderson

Mr. Anderson reviewed the Income Analysis, Special Revenue Account, and Roads Account portfolio with the Committee. A report was requested on the Road Construction Account on the distributions.

RECESS: MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to recess for lunch until 12:50 p.m. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Robert TwoBears out of the room)

The meeting recessed at 11:46 a.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 1:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Rep. Robert TwoBears, Presiding Officer (P)
Rep. Patrick RedEagle, Presiding Officer (P)

V.P. Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Doug Greengrass (P)
Rep. Susan Weber (EX)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. Jim Greendeer (EX)

Rep. John Holst (P)
Rep. Heather Cloud (P)
Rep. Hope Smith (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (1:08 p.m.)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)
Rep. Forrest White Rabbit (P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum is established.

Tribal Aging Advisory Board ~ Cindy Anderson

November 29, 2011 minutes: Items that needed approval were reviewed with the Committee.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to **APPROVE** the District 2 Elder Request for Chloris Lowe Sr's roof replacement in the amount of \$5,950 from Jacobson

Construction from the Elder Assistance Fund. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **9 – 0 – 1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to **APPROVE** the District 1 Elder Request for Catherine Smoke's roof replacement in the amount of \$6,360 with Bertrang Roofing from the Elder Assistance Fund. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **9 – 0 – 1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to **APPROVE** the District 3 Elder Request for Carlos Funmaker's roof replacement in the amount of \$3,500 for Ho-Chunk Service and Supply from the Elder Assistance Fund. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **9 – 0 – 1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to **APPROVE** the District 1 Elder Request for Walter Lewis' roof replacement in the amount of \$7,555 for Bertrang Roofing from the Elder Assistance Fund. Second by Rep. John Holst. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to **APPROVE** the District 1 Elder Request for Amos Kingsley's window replacement in the amount of \$3,000 for Gaier Construction from the Elder Assistance Fund. Second by Rep. John Holst. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

December 21, 2011 – Items that needed to be addressed by the Committee were reviewed with the Committee.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to **APPROVE** the District 2 Elder Request for Esther Redhawk for walk-in shower unit bid from Halverson Plumbing in the amount of \$2,822 from the Elder Assistance Fund. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to **APPROVE** the District 1 Elder Request for Harriett Funmaker's roof replacement in the amount of \$7,844 from the Elder Assistance Fund. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit to **APPROVE** for 56 hotel rooms for the elders attending the Hoarding Conference the night before the conference estimated at \$3,864 from the Elder Assistance Fund. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Merrill Lynch ~ Dan Staples

Mr. Staples reviewed the Portfolio Performance on the Long Term and Grant Account portfolios. The Grant Account is no longer pledged collateral. The Unified Managed Account (UMA) document was brought for signature. The document included the hiring of Spectrum but Eagle Asset Management was not included within the agreement. The UMA agreement was approved in January 2011. Feedback was requested on a contribution on what they could assist the Nation with. In the past it has been Financial Literacy that they supported.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to have Rep. Doug Greengrass and Vice President Greg Blackdeer sign the Unified Managed Account client agreement to consummate the agreement for the hiring of Spectrum. Second by Rep. John Holst. **9 – 0 – 1 (Rep. Doug Greengrass) MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Law Enforcement Center Project – ICDBG grant funds ~ Rebecca Mackie

A timeline was distributed to the Committee from May 2002 to June 2011. Members of the Law Enforcement Commission were present to provide their support of the Law Enforcement Center Project. The Chief of Police, Dan Libke, was unable to attend due to another meeting. The matching amount for the Nation is \$2,072,750. There is a gaming compact credit provision and it has to be a project that benefits both the tribe and the State or its political subdivisions. There is currently \$650,000 that can be used for this fiscal year. Notice should be provided to the State. A resolution was requested for the next Legislative session.

MOTION by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit to **APPROPRIATE** \$1,598,795 from the unexpended funds from last fiscal year with the contingency that it gets reimbursed from our state compact fee of \$650,000 up until May of this year and the remainder after the May compact payment. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **7 – 2 (Rep. Doug Greengrass, V.P. Greg Blackdeer) – 1 (Rep. Heather Cloud) MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Federal Employment Health Benefits Insurance Cost Analysis:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to **TABLE** the Federal Employment Health Benefits Cost Analysis to the next Finance Committee meeting. Second by Rep. John Holst. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Eagle Feather Proposal ~ Lawrence Walker Jr.
The proposal was referred from the December 20, 2011 Legislative meeting to the Finance Committee for consideration. The proposal for start-up funding was an estimated amount of \$376,428 over three years and included consultant fees for tribal members, Lawrence Walker Jr. and Lot Smith. For this fiscal year the cost would be \$133,335. **MOTION** by Rep. Heather Cloud to **REFER** the Eagle Feather Project to the Office of the President and the Department of Heritage Preservation staff and that they report to the Administration Committee on a monthly basis with the status and progress of developing and establishing this repository and Eagle Feather project. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **5 – 0 – 5 (V.P. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Doug Greengrass, Rep. John Holst, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Forrest White Rabbit) MOTION CARRIED.**

V.P. Blackdeer requested clarification on who reports to Administration Committee. Rep. Cloud stated that it was referred to the Office of the President and Heritage Preservation falls under them. The Nation already has equipment and staff that can be utilized and if the item is addressed on a monthly basis it can then be determined what is needed.

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to **DENY** the Project Eagle Feather proposal request and to have Traditional Court and Heritage Preservation work together on the Eagle Feather concerns and to re-address resolution 2-8-111. Second by V.P. Greg Blackdeer. **5 – 2 (Rep. Hope Smith, Rep. Greg Littlejohn) – 3 (Rep. Heather Cloud, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Forrest White Rabbit) MOTION CARRIED.**
For the Record: Presiding Officer, Rep. Robert TwoBears stated that there is a conflict of interest on the Eagle Feather Project and the Representative

should have recused himself or abstained on the vote for the Eagle Feather Project as it involved an immediate family member.

Wazee Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan & Construction Agreement ~ Carol Rollins

The Wazee Area Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion was requested in 2009 by the Department of Business to complete a facility plan. The current wastewater plant is currently at capacity. V.P. Blackdeer requested per the Finance Manual that research on long term debt be determined. Ms. Rollins has met with Treasury six times in the last year to discuss this loan. Three bids were not conducted due to the low interest rate of the Clean Water loan. Treasury should be coming back with the research data. The infrastructure is needed and incurring the new debt data is needed. The project needs to be bid out in February. The interest rate is 2.67%. Payback on the loan would begin in 2014.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to **REFER** the Wazee Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan and Construction Agreement to the next Legislative meeting on the 17th and to have Treasury and other necessary departments attend the meeting and to have the due diligence done for that meeting. Second by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit. **9 – 1 (Rep. Andrea Estebo) – 0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Agenda Amendment:

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to amend the agenda and to address the Native American Church Request next. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Native American Church

Request ~ Rep. Heather Cloud
Three bids were submitted for a new furnace and central air unit at the Native American Church in Wisconsin Dells. Housing gave them a unit but it was too small.

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to **APPROVE** the Native American Church request for a new furnace and central air unit in the amount of \$7,077 payable to the vendor, BTU Management, from the charitable contribution line item. Second by Rep. John Holst. **9 – 0 – 1 (V.P. Greg Blackdeer) MOTION CARRIED.**

Pow-wow Request, North

Central WI Eliminator ~ Lawrence Walker Jr.

A request from the North Central Pow-wow Committee was submitted for consideration. The pow-wow to be held March 3, 2012 in Wausau, Wisconsin. The requested amount is \$25,250. Majority of the officers are tribal members and other tribes are represented.

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to **APPROVE** the Pow-wow Request for the North Central pow-wow from the pow-wow line item. Second by Rep. John Holst. **3 – 3 (V.P. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Doug Greengrass, Rep. Andrea Estebo) – 3 (Rep. Heather Cloud, Rep. Patrick RedEagle, Rep. Forrest White Rabbit) TIE VOTE. THE PRESIDING OFFICER VOTES NO. MOTION DEFEATED.** (Rep. Shelby Visintin out of the room)
FY 12-13 Budget Schedule:

Calendars from January 2012 to May 2012 had dates reserved for Special Finance Committee meetings scheduled for budget meetings. There was some discussion on whether to review at the facilities, review line by line, etc. Some would like to meet in BRF and to have managers call into the meeting instead of meeting at the facilities using the new technology.

MOTION by V.P. Greg Blackdeer to **APPROVE** the proposed FY 12-13 Budget Schedule. Second by Rep. John Holst. **8 – 1 (Rep. Andrea Estebo) – 0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Doug Greengrass out of the room)
Agenda Amendment: **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to amend the agenda to add Restricted Special Revenue line item for Office of the President under NEW BUSINESS. Second by Rep. John Holst. **9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Doug Greengrass out of the room)
RECESS: The Committee took a brief recess from 3:55 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Rep. Robert TwoBears, Presiding Officer (P)
Rep. Patrick RedEagle, Presiding Officer (P)

V.P. Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Doug Greengrass (NP)
Rep. Susan Weber (EX)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. Jim Greendeer (EX)
Rep. John Holst (P)
Rep. Heather Cloud (P)
Rep. Hope Smith (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Quorum is established.
Restricted Special Revenue Fund ~ Rhonda Anderson
The request was from the Office of the President to set up a restricted special revenue fund for any new income generated at the Lynwood facility not associated with the former wind up of the LLC.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to **APPROVE** the restricted special revenue fund in the general fund to be set up for the Lynwood facility. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **7 – 2 (Rep. Heather Cloud, Rep. Hope Smith) – 0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Doug Greengrass out of the room)

Agenda Amendment:

MOTION by V.P. Greg Blackdeer to amend the agenda to add a Conference Sponsorship Request. Second by Rep. John Holst. **9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Doug Greengrass out of the room)
CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP ~ Rep. Robert TwoBears

Rep. TwoBears requested a coffee break sponsorship for the upcoming I.H.S. Tribal Budget Advisory Committee he is attending. The request was for two coffee sessions at \$300 each. **MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to **APPROVE** the two coffee break sponsorships for the I.H.S. Budget Advisory Committee in the amount of \$600 from the Charitable Contribution line item on an expeditious basis. **MOTION DIES DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.**

CONFERENCE APPROVALS:

NAHASDA Essentials:
The NAHASDA Essentials Conference was approved at the last Legislative meeting and there was concern if the motion was approving any legislator or three legislators. The motion was for any legislator interested to

attend the NAHASDA Essentials Conference so the item does not have to be addressed.

DISTRICT REQUESTS:

District 3 Requests – Four requests were referred from the December 20, 2011 Legislative meeting to the Finance Committee.

Disabled Tribal Member request for Washer / Dryer: Per the Charitable Request Act, household appliances are not permissible per the Act. The request has been referred to Social Services who will evaluate the situation and possibly assist the tribal member. The Committee did not take any action on the request.

District 3 Request for Past Medical Bills:

Per the Charitable Request Act, medical bills are not permissible per the Act. The Department of Health has reviewed the request and the individual was on Contract Health and the amount allowed was paid at that time. **MOTION** by Rep. Heather Cloud to **REFER** the District 3 request for payment of past medical bills to the Department of Health to readdress the request for this disabled tribal member. Second by Rep. John Holst. **8 – 0 – 1 (Rep. Patrick RedEagle) MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Doug Greengrass out of the room)

District 3 Request for Home Repair:

Per the Charitable Request Act, the request was a personal expense which is not permissible per the Act. **MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to **APPROVE** the District 3 request for the disabled tribal member, Edward Littlejohn, assisting with repairs to their garage payable to the vendor in the amount of \$9,139 from the charitable contribution line item. **MOTION DIES DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.**

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to **TABLE** the District 3 request for the disabled tribal member for garage repairs until criteria and guidelines are established for the disabled. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **6 – 0 – 3 (V.P. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Greg Littlejohn, Rep. Shelby Visintin) MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Doug Greengrass out of the room)

District 3 disabled tribal member for home repair: Tribal member, Susie Decorah, requested funds of \$175.00 for displacement when her home was being repaired. **MOTION** by Rep. Heather Cloud to **APPROVE** the District 3 disabled tribal member, Susie Decorah, request to assist with hotel costs of \$175 payable to the vendor from the charitable contribution line item. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **2 – 0 – 7 (V.P. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. John Holst, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Greg Littlejohn, Rep. Patrick RedEagle, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit) MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Doug Greengrass out of the room)

District 2 Request, Basketball Team Sponsorship ~ Ethel Fummaker
The request was to assist a basketball team sponsorship that will be traveling across the country with tournaments in Minnesota, Kansas City, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Chicago, Milwaukee and Las Vegas. Two tribal members, Bronson Koenig and Will Decorah, are on the team. **MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to **APPROVE** the District 2 request for a \$5,000 contribution to the AAU Team Wisconsin

Swing Basketball Team from the charitable contribution line item. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **6 – 1 (Rep. Hope Smith) – 1 (V.P. Greg Blackdeer) MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Doug Greengrass, Rep. Shelby Visintin out of the room)
District 1 Request – Manual Carriaga
The request was for a color guard team for the Riverside Indian School. The request was for ten jackets, they have fundraised \$700 and the total cost of the invoice was \$3,260.

MOTION by V.P. Greg Blackdeer to **APPROVE** the District 1 request in the amount of \$2,560 for the ten jackets for the color guard team payable to the vendor from the charitable contribution line item. Second by Rep. John Holst. **4 – 3 (Rep. Andrea Estebo, Heather Cloud, Rep. Hope Smith) – 2 (Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit) MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Doug Greengrass out of the room)
Training Announcement:
Joseph Eve will be conducting a

training scheduled for Monday, January 16, 2012 for any legislators interested starting at 9 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Doug Greengrass out of the room)
The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.
Kelley Thundercloud
Recording Secretary

SUMMONS

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI. & Rachael Davis, Petitioner, v. Conrad Roberts, Respondent.
Case : CS 12-05

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Conrad Roberts

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Sierra Banuelos, Petitioner, v. Isaiah Funmaker, Respondent.
Case : CS 11-69

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Isaiah Funmaker

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SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI & Maurine Shegonee, Petitioner, v. Jessica L. Cloud, Respondent.
Case : CS 11-78

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Jessica L. Cloud

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SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Tamara Kumm, Petitioner, v. Pierre J. Decorah, Respondent.
Case : CG 12-01

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Pierre J. Decorah

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SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Katavia L. Flynn, Petitioner, v. Michael J. Devan, Respondent.
Case : CS 11-72

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Michael J. Devan

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Special to the Hocak Worak

Ho-Chunk History

180 years ago, Ho-Chunk leaders helped end Wisconsin's bloodiest war

Submitted by Gary Ilminen

This summer marks the 180th anniversary of the last major war fought in the old Northwest Territory east of the Mississippi between Native People and the U. S. government. The Black Hawk War of 1832 was the bloodiest conflict ever fought in Wisconsin. The Ho-Chunk did not start the war, but played key roles in it on both sides and most important, played a crucial role in ending it.

In 1832, Sac (Osakiwugi) warrior Ma-Ka-Tai-Me-She-Kia-Kiak, or Black Hawk led about 1,400 Sac and Fox (Mesquakie) people east across the Mississippi into

corn, squash and other crops to replace those lost with their land. Some food was provided, but not nearly enough. By April 1832, the people were starving; Black Hawk felt the treaty was broken and the only way to avoid mass starvation was to reclaim their fertile cropland.

After crossing into Illinois, Black Hawk met with Wabokiesheek or White Cloud, also known as the Prophet. He was a Ho-Chunk leader who was a friend and ally who gave Black Hawk and his people shelter in his village near present day Prophetstown, Illinois. White Cloud told Black Hawk that



Two stone markers placed by a doctor named C.V. Porter on the 100th anniversary of the Black Hawk War. Porter placed them at a number of points along the path Black Hawk took through Wisconsin. These, near West Prairie, WI, describe the killing of six women near the markers' location.

northern Illinois and on to southern Wisconsin.

The Sac and Fox had been forced from their homelands in northwest Illinois and southwest Wisconsin to Iowa under a government treaty in 1831. In it, the government promised to supply enough

other tribes would support him if war broke out. White Cloud's prediction was not correct, but not entirely wrong, either—small bands from other tribes did fight once the war started. Black Hawk moved his people up the Rock River to prevent the



Black Hawk's surrender monument on the site of Fort Crawford in Prairie du Chien. The marker describes the Ho-Chunk role in effecting his surrender. The barred window is purportedly from the cell where Black Hawk was held until he was sent down the Mississippi to St. Louis in the custody of Lt. Jefferson Davis. Of the future President of the Confederacy, Black Hawk said, "...he treated us with much kindness. He is a good and brave young Chief with whose conduct I was much pleased."

Ho-Chunk village from being attacked.

Near Sycamore Creek in northern Illinois, mounted militia under Major Isaiah Stillman caught up with Black Hawk's group on May 14. Black Hawk sent emissaries into Stillman's camp under a white flag of truce to surrender, but Stillman's men killed the emissaries. Black Hawk, outraged at the killings, attacked Stillman's nearly 300 militiamen with only about 40 of his own warriors and routed the militia. The stunning defeat shocked the government and

triggered the Black Hawk War of 1832.

Black Hawk's band took shelter east of Lake Koshkonong, where government forces discovered their trail. As Black Hawk's people went west toward present day Sauk City, Ho-Chunk scouts tried to keep government forces from overtaking them by misleading the army off the trail. The delay they caused allowed Black Hawk to reach the Wisconsin River before the Battle of Wisconsin Heights on July 21st. In his post-war autobiography, Black Hawk revealed that he relied on Ho-Chunk guides as well. After the war, Sac survivors revealed that White Crow and many other Ho-Chunk men had given considerable assistance in the war.

Black Hawk with only about 50 warriors fought the army to a stop allowing his people to cross the Wisconsin. That night, Black Hawk sent a rider to tell the government forces in the Ho-Chunk language that he wished to surrender. Government commanders later claimed they didn't have anyone who understood the language present, so surrender never took place.

Government forces again overtook Black Hawk at the Mississippi River near the mouth of the Bad Axe River near present-day Victory, Wisconsin. White Cloud's nephew was with Black Hawk on August 1st as the steamboat Warrior blocked the way across the Mississippi. He called out to a Ho-Chunk speaker

aboard the ship that Black Hawk wanted to surrender, but the ship's captain Joseph Throckmorton, ordered the ship's cannon and riflemen to open fire. On August 1st and 2nd, the war's last battle was a massacre; government forces nearly annihilated Black Hawk's band.

Black Hawk and about 40 others escaped north to Tomah and then to a Ho-Chunk village near La Crosse. Near the end of August, Ho-Chunk Chiefs Decorah and Chaeta persuaded Black Hawk and White Cloud to surrender and they were with them when they surrendered to General Street at Prairie du Chien on August 27th.

Learn more about the Black Hawk War:

Life of Ma-Ka-Tai-Me-She-Kia-Kiak or Black Hawk, by Black Hawk, through interpreter Antoine LeClair, edited by John Patterson, October 1833. Available in print and on-line from various e-book sources and from the Wisconsin Historical Society at: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/turningpoints/search.asp?id=248>

Black Hawk War Eyewitness series: Hunting a Shadow—the search for Black Hawk, The Battle of Wisconsin Heights, and Massacre at the Bad Axe, by Crawford B. Thayer, Banta Press, 1981.

In Black Hawk's Footsteps, by Benjamin McLaughlin, B. McLaughlin Publishing, 2004.

Black Hawk—The Battle for the Heart of America, by Kerry Trask, Henry Holt and Company, 2006.

Elder Social

Thursday 10:00 a.m.

2/23/12

Come and join the fun!!!

Bingo & Lunch

Feel Free to Bring a Prize to Share 55 and Older

District One Community Center

Contact
Melissa or Derris at
715-284-0904

Package to Afghanistan

Submitted by
Five Ho-Chunk Elders

There are five or six of us elder people who usually sit at the same table and lunch together at the Wisconsin Dells area Tribal Aging Unit. We all like to do community service and donate to various causes. Shortly before Thanksgiving, we thought we would like to do something for some of our soldiers in

Afghanistan. We looked for an address and Dr. DuBray provided us with the name/address of his cousin in Afghanistan. Sgt. Yellow Fat had visited our area prior to being deployed as he was training at Fort McCoy.

On an appointed day, we each brought in things that we thought they could use and would like. It ran heavy to gastronomic delights. Then

one of the ladies volunteered to package and mail these things along with a letter telling them who we are. The package was mailed forthwith. We received a thank you from Sgt. Yellow Fat along with some little tokens to show us some things they use over there and a picture of himself and his grandma Doris prior to his deployment. This sure made us feel good.



December 14, 2011

Dear Sgt. Yellow Fat:

We are a group of Ho-Chunk elders who come together at a Ho-Chunk meal site. We all have relatives who have served honorably in our Armed Forces, past and present. We are very aware of the hardships that your service deals you and your loved ones. We want you to know that we very much appreciate the sacrifices you make every day to protect our country and each of us and our loved ones. You are all included in our prayers.

At present, our grandchildren are all out of Afghanistan but we wanted to do something for our soldiers in the warzone. We cast about for an address of someone over there and Kansas DeBray gave us your address. Please share this token of our appreciation with your brother/sister soldiers and let them know of our feelings for you all.

With all good feelings for you all, we are:

Marion Miner, Helen LoneTree, Sibylle Bearskin, Helen Harden and Lillian Thundercloud.

P.S.

Please acknowledge receipt of this package via the enclosed addressed card w/envelope. Thank you.

15 Jan. 12
2002 hrs

Dear Helen Harden, Marion Miner, Helen LoneTree, Sibylle Bearskin and Lillian Thundercloud

I/we sure can't say thank you enough from the bottom of my/our hearts! Wow! We all cherish the thoughts of love and kindness sent in your care package. You all are a Godsend and never will be forgotten. We will put everything to good use, yummy! Haha! Thanks again!

Take care, be safe, stay strong, stay positive, enjoy life and keep smiling! Haha! Love, thoughts and prayers always!

Your friend in combat,
Sgt. Justin W. Yellow Fat
(Tatanka Sapa)

P.S. Sorry I can't offer more to you all to show my/our gratitude, but hopefully these tokens of my/our appreciation will help. Thanks again! Please don't write again right now if you want to respond, because they are moving me to another camp this week and I don't know what my address will be. Always know I am very grateful for everything.



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10AM

10 PM

Veterans Helping Veterans

The purpose of this reunion is to inform Veterans of all of the programs that are available to them; pensions, medical, education, and other services provided through Veterans Organizations. This event will serve as a resource, telling Veterans who to see and where to go for help, while also informing the public of what we are all about.

Send Donations to: Paper City Savings, c/o Tina Bartram,
P.O. Box 339, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-0339

ITEMS FOR SALE

Firing of M119 Howitzer

Mock Military Camp

GREAT FOOD & DRINKS

Kids Games

Guest Speakers

What should I do if my loved one is not receiving quality care or is being mistreated at a nursing home, community-based residential facilities, or a managed long term care program?

Submitted by Dawn Brandt - Adult Services Social Worker, CFS

Have you heard of an ombudsman? This is the individual that would be contacted if you feel your loved one is not receiving quality care or is being mistreated.

An ombudsman is an individual who investigates complaints and mediates fair settlements, especially between aggravated parties such as consumers or students and an institution or organization. This is an individual charged with the duties of investigating and redressing the sources of complaints lodged by private citizens against businesses, institutions, and officials.

What does an ombudsman do?

The ombudsman:

- Investigates complaints against nursing homes and assisted living facilities
- Mediates as a neutral party so that the investigation can be done without prejudice
- Maintains neutrality (does not take sides)
- Understands the issues or sources of conflict
- Assists in settling identified disputes

- Works with agencies, residents, and families
- Investigates and resolves problems
- Provides information
- Refers and consults, and works with licensing, certification, and other enforcement agencies to improve the quality of care in long term facilities and programs.

The ombudsman can help with concerns regarding:

- The quality of long term care that is being provided
 - Personal needs allowances
 - Physical abuse or neglect
 - Dietary issues
 - Financial issues
 - Physical or chemical restraints
 - Facility transfer or discharge issues
 - Privacy and confidentiality
 - Denial of community services
- The ombudsman can also help with questions regarding:
- What alternatives are available to

nursing home placement

- How can you pay for long term care
- When should Power of Attorney or Guardianship be initiated
- How do you find appropriate community based services
- Do residents have the right to refuse treatment
- * Family care, Family Care Partnership and Iris also have an ombudsman for participants age 18 – 59.

How can I contact the ombudsman?

Heather Bruemmer
Board on Aging and Long Term Care
1402 Pankratz Street, Suite 111
Madison, WI 53704-4001
(800) 815-0015 Toll-free
(608) 246-7014
(608) 246-7001 (fax)
boaltc@lrc.state.wi.us

If You Have Complaints Concerning Health or Residential Care in Wisconsin

The Division of Quality Assurance (DQA) is responsible for assuring the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Wisconsin. If any individual believes that a caregiver, agency, or DQA regulated facility has violated State or Federal laws pertaining to regulated entities, that individual has the right to file a complaint with DQA.

There are several ways to file a complaint with DQA. Refer to the options that are listed under each provider type below.

During the complaint intake process, you may be asked for the county the provider is located in. If you do not know what county a community is in, please see Wisconsin Cities, Villages, Townships and Unincorporated Places

In addition to the information below, please also view "Problems with Health Professionals" in the Wisconsin Consumer Guide to Health Care, especially regarding billing and insurance.

Nursing Homes

- To contact the appropriate DQA Regional Office directly, please refer to the Nursing Home Resident Care

regional office map.

- To file a complaint online select: The Online Complaint Intake System.
- To use the toll free number to file a complaint dial 1-800-642-6552.

Assisted Living Facilities

Includes Community Based Residential Facilities and Adult Family Homes (group homes), Adult Day Care and Residential Care Apartment Complexes

- To contact the appropriate DQA Regional Office directly, please refer to the Assisted Living regional office map.

- To file a complaint online select: The Online Complaint Intake System.
- To use the toll free number to file a complaint dial 1-800-642-6552.

Facilities Serving People with Developmental Disabilities

- To contact the appropriate DQA Regional Office directly, please refer to the Nursing Home Resident Care regional office map.

- To file a complaint online select: The Online Complaint Intake System.
- To use the toll free number to file a complaint dial 1-800-642-6552.

Home Health and Hospice Agencies

- Home Health Hotline (brochure): Call 1-800-642-6552 or (608) 267-1441 (Madison) for both home health and hospice.

- Contact the Division of Quality Assurance at (608) 266-8481.

- To file a complaint online select: The Online Complaint Intake System.

- Home Health: Complete and mail the Home Health Agency Complaint Report F-62069

- Hospice: Complete and mail the Hospice Patient Complaint (F-62287)
- To use the toll free number to file a complaint dial 1-800-642-6552.

Clinical laboratories or analysts (including alcohol testing)

- To file a complaint online select: The Online Complaint Intake System.
- To use the toll free number to file a complaint dial 1-800-642-6552.

Other Non-Long-Term Care Providers

- Hospitals, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, End Stage Renal Dialysis,

Outpatient Rehabilitation Agencies, Rural Health Clinics

- Contact the Division of Quality Assurance at (608) 266-8481.
- To file a complaint online select: The Online Complaint Intake System.
- To use the toll free number to file a complaint dial 1-800-642-6552.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Programs

- Contact the Behavioral Health Certification Section of the Division of Quality Assurance at (608) 261-0656.

- To file a complaint online select: The Online Complaint Intake System.
- To use the toll free number to file a complaint dial 1-800-642-6552.

Complaints Regarding Caregiver Misconduct

- Specific incident between a caregiver and a resident or patient, including but not limited to:
 - abuse (hitting, slapping, verbal, mental, sexual)
 - neglect (intentionally withholding care, failure to carry out a plan of care, disregard of policy)
 - misappropriation (theft of money, identity, credit cards or jewelry, misuse of property, such as using a client's phone without consent)

For all misconduct complaints regarding:

- Non-credentialed caregivers (nurse aides, home health aides, personal care workers, etc.)
- Credentialed staff (nurses, doctors, dentists, counselors, etc.)
- professional staff who are certified by the WI Certification Board

- Call the Caregiver Intake Unit at (608) 261-8319, Division of Quality Assurance, or

- To file a complaint online select: The Online Complaint Intake System, or

- To use the toll free number to file a complaint dial 1-800-642-6552.

Additional Complaint Information

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights: How to File a Health Information Privacy Complaint (HIPAA)

Notice: Area Funeral Homes work together to serve their communities

Buswell Funeral Home and Torgerson's Funeral Home both of Black River Falls, Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home of Hixton, WI and Shiefelbein Funeral Home of Osseo, WI will be working together to serve their communities. All of the funeral homes will retain their respective names and present locations. Funeral Director, Larry Winkler will be leading Ho Chunk Funerals with the support of Funeral Directors, Tim Schiefelbein and Chuck Torgerson.

Neenk-Chunk-Gra Head Start Bingo Fundraiser Monday, February 13, 2012



Ho-Chunk Bingo, Wisconsin Dells ▲ Kids Welcome

Doors open at 5pm ▲ Games begin at 6pm

▲ \$10 6-on packs

Food & Beverages will be available for sale!

All proceeds will go towards the Neenk-Chunk-Gra Head Start Program's 2012 Graduation expenses.

Wisconsin Concealed Carry License Seminar for area residents arranged by Mitchell Redcloud Jr. Detachment of the Marine Corps League

Submitted by Suzette Turk Mitchell Redcloud Jr. Detachment Associate Member

Are you eligible to purchase a hand gun? Do you possess a hand gun? Interested in learning all the Wisconsin laws pertaining to hand guns? According to recently enacted Law, Wisconsin state residents can obtain a permit for concealed carry of hand guns. Citizens must qualify to get a permit by attending and completing a Certified Wisconsin Concealed Carry training class. Veterans already meet these requirements by virtue of their DD214 but are encouraged to still attend to learn about the new laws and have a safety refresher.

The Mitchell Redcloud Jr. Detachment and Great River Tactical LLC have partnered to provide area residents the necessary training that will meet and exceed the Wisconsin Concealed Carry license requirements. The Detachment will host a 5-hour class on Saturday, April 14, 2012. The seminar will begin at 9am at the Andrew

Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 located at W9802 Airport Rd in Black River Falls. Marine style coffee and refreshments will be provided.

The experience and certified instructors at Great River Tactical will cover topics such as choosing a reliable/safe weapon, levels of competence, safety, weapon mechanics and the new Wisconsin Carry Bill. The Instructors follow the Wisconsin Department of Justice curriculum but include additional discussions on morals, ethics, tactics and a combat mind-set.

This seminar is available to all skill levels and there are no prerequisites. Great River Tactical's mission is, "Training is for ALL; Not just the Elite Few". Registration for this valuable class is available online at www.greatrivertactical.com or by calling 608-567-4246. You must complete registration by March 8. Enrollment fees will apply.

For additional questions regarding this Marine Corps League event you may contact Dennis at 715-299-6520.

"SECOND FRIDAY" POETRY presents:

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Contemporary Native American Poetry



plus OPEN STAGE POETRY

FRIDAY - FEB 10 - 7:30 PM

VILLAGE BOOKSMITH

Downtown Baraboo 608-355-1001

RAFFLE & BAKE SALE

A FUNDRAISER FOR KATHERINE M. BURGESS (SALINAS)

Where: HO-CHUNK MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE
3501 S. HOWELL, MILWAUKEE, WI 53207

When: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012
9:30am-2:30pm

As you may know, Katherine is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. In December of 2007, she underwent stomach surgery for a hernia and suffered complications due to the procedure. Then, in October of 2011, a second surgery was performed in an attempt to correct the complications brought on by the 2007 surgery. Since her surgery, Katherine has been unable to return to work and is enduring a long and slow recovery at her home in Reedsburg where she resides with her granddaughter Savannah. With limited income, Katherine is now struggling to hold on to her home, to pay her living expenses, and to purchase her prescribed medication and vitamins needed to aid her recovery. She has exhausted every possible means for assistance, and would greatly benefit from any help she can get from her friends and fellow tribal members in the community.



and more...

If you are unable to attend, or would prefer to help Katherine and her family with a monetary gift during this sensitive and challenging time, please send donations to:

Katherine Burgess Hope Fund

Summit Credit Union

P.O. Box 8046 Madison, WI 53707-8046 800-236-5560

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Committee on Tribal Enrollment
has the following vacancies:

District 2 – Seat 2

District 3 – Seat 1

District 5 – Seat 2

Length of Term:

4 years from date of Legislative Appointment

Candidate must reside in the District at the time of selection until the term limit ends, unless a redistricting change supersedes a member from the redistricted district.

To qualify you must meet the following:

- Enrolled Tribal Ho-Chunk Member
- Be at least twenty-five (25 years of age)
- Never been convicted of a felony in any tribal, state or federal court and;
- Cannot be determined to be incompetent by a court of law.

All interested Tribal Members should attend the District Area Meeting. Members are selected by eligible voters of each District.

ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT THE
OFFICE OF TRIBAL ENROLLMENT @
800-331-7824 OR 715-284-7824.

NOTICE

Neeshla Powwow Committee
will be meeting after the
February 13, 2012
Baraboo Area Meeting

at the House of Wellness,
in the Alberta Day Room.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Tina Crowley, Neeshla Committee Secretary/Asst. CFO

Language Instruction

will be held at the following locations:

Madison Branch Office

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

DeJope Gaming

Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Madison Youth Center (K- 12)

Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions please contact
Carrie Tanaka @ 608-277-9964 or e-mail
Carrie.Tanaka@ho-chunk.com

Monthly Board Meeting
For Ho-Chunk Housing and
Community Development Agency (HUD)

Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012 • 6:00 PM

HHCDA at Tomah, corner of
Monowau Street & Sime Avenue

Agenda items by noon, Feb. 15, 2012
Contact Board Secretary at Ext. 222
HHCDA (608) 374-1245 Ext. 222
Fax: (608) 374-1251



House For Sale

Timber Run Site, Lot 9 Wisconsin Dells
Newly remodeled 4 bedroom, Ranch Style House.
2 full baths, full basement.
Appliances included on 4.2 acres of land. Located
at W2430 Readle Lane, Lyndon Station, WI.
Wisconsin Dells School District.
"Tribal Members Only"

Contact Kevin Vasquez • Cell: 608-844-3352



HO-CHUNK NATION
HOUSING DEPARTMENT
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Request for Proposal for Lawn Mowing

The Department of Housing, Property Management Division is accepting proposals for lawn mowing of the rental properties in Black River Falls, Tomah, Lyndon Station, Lake Delton, and the HWY 12 corridor in the Wisconsin Dells area. The provider may select any or all of the properties

**Proposal with contact information including selected area(s) and each area selected priced separately must be returned by March 1, 2012 to: Bob Pulley
HCN Property Management P. O. Box 170 Tomah, WI 54660**

Mower Provider Conditions:

1. must provide equipment in good working order
2. must be financially responsible for all equipment fuel, repairs and upkeep
3. must provide proof of liability insurance
4. financially responsible for damage to rental or tenant property
5. must have reliable transportation for the equipment
6. must maintain a mowing schedule, provided, weather exceptions
7. must trim around buildings and trees
8. must be able to work in summer weather conditions
9. must be aware of personal property in the yard

The Mower Provider should inspect the properties and may choose any or all of the following listed properties:

1. Black River Falls:
 - a. Maplewood Apartments both sides of Maplewood ct except for the right side from the corner to the fence line coming into the property
 - b. Mission Mobile Homes around all mobile homes and including the playground area
2. Tomah:
 - a. 1314 – 1334 Mark Ave behind the old Wal-Mart
 - b. 905 King Ave by Fireman's Park
 - c. 29614 Evergreen next to the Greendeer Homestead
3. Lyndon Station:
 - a. W 1903 Dombek, north on HH to 3/4 mile on the right, Dombek to dead end, farm house only
 - b. W 1627 Taima Lane just off Dee's Rd and Timm Rd not to far from Dells race track
4. Lake Delton
 - a. 106 & 114 Whitlock behind the Lake Delton police and fire departments and across from the grade school
5. Hwy 12 Corridor
 - a. Vagabond Motel off Interstate and Hwy 12
 - b. 3115 Hwy 12 across from the BP on Reedsberg RD
 - c. 3207 – 3215 across from HC Casino
 - d. E 10854 Co-op Lane street next to Candy Shop straight to the end of the street

Additional questions contact Bob Pulley 608-374-1225

ATTENTION HO-CHUNK NATION ELDERS

National Indian Council on Aging Conference

September 15-18, 2012

Albuquerque, NM

The following is tentatively going to be paid for - per the Ho-Chunk Nation Elderly Advisory Board:

Travel, Registration & Membership Fee, Hotel Room & Per Diem

If you plan on attending the trip, a deposit of \$100 is required before March 01, 2012. The deposit will be returned to you upon submission of a trip report after the trip. Please pay by cash or a check payable to: Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit.

(This trip is tentative pending approval from the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and in the event the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature does not fund this trip, your \$100 deposit will be refunded to you.)

Please contact any Tribal Aging Unit staff member to sign up for this conference. Please bring your Tribal ID Card so a copy can be made, as it is required to send it along with the Conference Registration Form.

Transportation will be determined at a later date, depending on the number of Elders, and the location they reside.

Ho-Chunk Artist Jodi Webster opens exhibit March 3rd

Submitted by
Trickster Gallery

Artist Jodi Webster will be opening a new exhibit at Trickster Gallery-Native American Arts in Schaumburg, Illinois on March 3rd from 2-6pm. Jodi is an enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member, who also comes from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Although she grew up in Wisconsin, as a teen she attended Flandreau and Sherman Indian High School, and went on to attend the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe and earned her Associates Degree in Graphic Design from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green

Bay. She also attended St. Norbert College and University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Jodi currently resides in Lawrence, Kansas, where she is pursuing a Bachelor's in Fine Arts degree at Kansas University.

The exhibit will open during Trickster Gallery's 7th Anniversary Celebration that includes performances by Native American Music Award winners Keith Secola, Gabriel Ayala, and Cody Blackbird. Samsoche and Lumhe Sampson, sons of the late actor Will Sampson (One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest), will hoopdance and LeAnn Hascon Ward will present her latest one-of-a-kind designs during her All

Native Fashion Show.


"My art is influenced by countless visual nuances. Whether past or present I am fascinated with faces and am drawn to texture and design. There are other instances where I am attempting to convey a feeling. My own feeling of pride permeates my artwork by means of wanting to eradicate stereotypical Native American images. As an artist I realize that I can make a difference by providing accurate images of Native American people. Within my art I want to illustrate the clash of the modern world versus our ancestors. We as Native people struggle to hold onto the traditions and culture with

every passing generation.

My art is a reiteration of my ancestors posed in the present timeline. This fashioning of imagery seems to speak of my generation. I hope that my images are comforting to those that struggle to find the words to describe who they are." Jodi's exhibit will run through May 26th, 2012.

Trickster Gallery is located 15 miles outside of Chicago and is the only Native American owned and operated arts institution in the state of Illinois. It was opened in 2005 by the American Indian Center of Chicago, to provide a space for first-voice arts. The Gallery features contemporary art by Native artists from all around

the country, in addition to providing workshops, film screenings, performances, tours, panel discussions, and more. Trickster Gallery programs raise public awareness and advance ideals of tolerance and diversity by combating stereotypes and deconstructing imagery that has long defined Native Americans. Trickster Gallery is located at 190 S. Roselle Rd. Schaumburg, Illinois 60193. For more information and ticket prices, call Monica at 847-301-2090 or email trickstergallery@aic-chicago.org.



3rd Memorial for
Pamela Louise Mallory (Wiragusgeiga)

Saturday February 25, 2012
Dinner at 1:00 p.m.-Devotions to follow

Roadman:
Gordon Thunder
At the Indian Heights
Community Center



Happy Birthday
Sandra Richard
February 16

*In spirit and heart,
we're never apart,
In the Lord,
we're always together -
Rejoicing in prayer,
Receiving His care
And His love that
continues forever.*
Love
Mother Suzanne Lora




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Sharice Davids wins MMA Championship Belt

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How often do you hear of women in Mixed Martial Arts, let alone Ho-Chunk women training in the sport; a sport that has been becoming more and more popular these days. On January 27, 2012, Ho-Chunk tribal member, Sharice Davids, defeated Chandra Engel at the Voodoo Lounge located at the Harrah's Casino in Kansas City, Missouri; taking home the Ultimate Blue Corner Battle - 135 pound Championship belt.

Davids is the daughter of Crystal Herriage, a retired U.S. Army Veteran with twenty years of service. Davids is the oldest of three and has two brothers, Matthew and Joshua. At age 20, Davids began studying capoeira, a Brazilian martial art that is based on dance

and music which involves kicks, punches, acrobatics, leg sweeps, knee and elbow strikes, and take downs. While studying capoeira for six to seven years, Davids earned her blue/brown belt. In 2006, she began studying tae kwon do and judo. She also holds a blue belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, which she began studying during law school.

Not only does Sharice Davids spend her time training; she also kept her head in the books with hours upon hours of study time. In 2010, Davids earned a law degree from Cornell University Law School. Since then, she has been working for SNR Denton, an international law firm based in London, UK and Washington D.C. Currently, Davids works out of the Kansas City office

doing corporate transactions specializing in mergers and acquisitions. She also does Indian Law and Tribal Financing specializing in bond offers.

When she's not crunching numbers or in a meeting, Davids trains with Fight University six days out of the week, working on improving her style at least an hour to an hour and a half on the weekdays, and three hour work outs on the weekends. She focuses on cardio and conditioning on Sundays. Davids said she gets about a month and a half or more notice of her fights. She also noted that she only gets a minute worth of panic about two to three weeks before her fights, but that thought leaves her mind nearly immediately because of her good ground skills and strong striking power. She is definitely confident of her skills.

Prior to the fight, Davids said, "I hope to keep the fight standing." She also said, "I've been offered a pro fight. I work at least 50 hours a week. Sometimes more and it gets crazy. That's the biggest reason I'm not sure I could handle taking on a pro fight."

Using the triangle choke, Davids won the fight at 2:36 (two minutes, 36 seconds) in the first round. Davids improved to 6-1 in the octagon; she faced Chandra Engel, who is primarily a wrestler, leaving her with an 8-7 record. Davids said, "Engel was pretty strong and she is a wrestler. I had



Sharice Davids, the Ultimate Blue Corner Battle 135lbs. Champion.



Team Davids supporters: Alice Wood, Cari Spera, and Erika Fay.



Sharice Davids Championship belt.



MMA Fighter Sharice Davids and Ericka Fay pose for a pre-fight photo.

worked on not getting taken down but she took me down pretty quickly. I just worked my ground game from the back."

In a post fight interview, Davids noted, "I was back in the gym on Monday. I train because I love martial arts and regardless of whether I am competing I am always

striving to be a better martial artist and person."

Other family cheering and rooting for Sharice were Cari Spera, Ericka Fay, and Alice Wood, who made their way down to Kansas City to show their support. Congratulations Sharice and many more to come.